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DENIS, PRAISNER INTRODUCE BILL TO GIVE BUSINESS TAX CREDIT FOR TELECOMMUTING

Councilmembers Howard Denis and Marilyn Praisner today introduced a measure in the Montgomery County Council that would allow businesses to take a credit against County taxes for computers purchased for their telecommuting employees.

The legislation would pay up to 50 percent of the cost of each personal computer purchased, up to an annual total credit of \$2000. Employers must certify that the computers are used for business purposes and that the employees using the computer work from home at least 52 days per year – or one day a week.

"The promotion of telecommuting is an important part of the County's efforts to relieve traffic congestion," said Councilmember Denis.

"Every employee who works from home represents one less car on our highways."

"This tax credit will give a helping hand to County businesses, especially small businesses, that can use telecommuting," said Councilmember Praisner. "Every little bit we can do to strengthen or expand telecommuting can help keep folks off the roads, especially during rush hours."

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